

mandatory student fees on campuses, then we also ought to be the first state in the union to bring in another Resolution from this body and say you people who are citizens of this state from this day forth are required to vote in every election because if you don't vote, you are still going to be bound by the results of that election. So let's just be the first state to pass the Resolution and say that. Let's say that even though that you are benefited or not benefited, however you may feel about an issue on the ballot or a person on the ballot, let's say that you are required to be at the polls and then let's say that you are required to participate in everything else.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wonder..I've got to get some background information here on this Committee, this Labor Committee. When we are talking about an agency shop bill and I have to look down here and see who killed it and who didn't, I guess my next question is I'd like to know how many of them, the Senator, the chairman of that Committee, how many of there, how many of your Committee members have ever belonged to a union.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, will you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, I do. Senator Barnett, I..I didn't look into the background of the members but I would say none of these members. I don't think Senator Cavanaugh ever belonged to a union and I'm sure the rest of them didn't. You may even ask the rest of them. I never did. You will have to ask the rest of the members.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was wondering. Did you understand what the bill did?

SENATOR MARESH: After spending about 4½ hours on a bill, I think we understood the bill very well.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I was under..I was under the impression that you possibly never understood the point of the bill. That it didn't get brought out. What I would like to do, if I could, beings that you, yourself think that nobody has ever been a union member on that Committee, I'd like to explain to you something. Having been a union member and on the board that has to negotiate, the members of the negotiating board would go down and jeopardize themselves, their jobs and everything else, for these freeloaders, the ones that just ride along and I was wondering if your Committee really thought that's proper. Evidently they did when they killed it, but was this brought out in the Committee meeting.? I guess this was what I wanted to ask.

SENATOR MARESH: I think that was brought out by nearly everybody that was for the bill, Senator Barnett. I wish you'd have taken in the hearing. I'm sure you'd have said that it had a fair hearing. Many times a bill, there is a time limit on proponents and opponents but we had no limit. We let everybody speak and I'm sure it had a good hearing and I'm sure that the union members that appeared will agree on this because we gave them a fair hearing.

SENATOR BARNETT: Oh, I don't question that it was a fair hearing, Senator Maresh. I just figured maybe you didn't understand it, that's why I think, maybe, it would be a good idea to do what Senator Simpson wants to do, is to raise this bill and after you have heard it a second time maybe you'd have a different look on it.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Barnett, I believe I understood this bill better than you understood the tractor driving bill that I had two years ago. I just couldn't get through to you that we needed this bill at that time.